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Application Number: 09/629,749

Application Filed: 07/31/00

Applicant: Durham Russell Maples, Camden, SC;

Application Title: A Method for Enhancing the Equity of a Business Entity

Examiner: Pierre Eddy Elisca

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Dear Kimberly Terrell:

In response to our telephone conversation on Wednesday March 16, 2005 I have found a copy of what you refer to as the "Certificate of Mailing". I have enclosed a copy that is a copy of a copy because the patent office has lost the original.

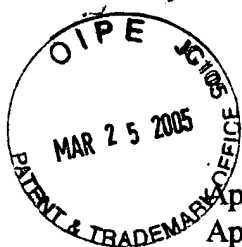
I have also enclosed a copy of a letter regarding another application that has resulted in a granted patent. You can see that the Examiner had not received my response to his Office Letter. Examiner Tran called me to inform me that only the IDS had been received. I informed him that I had sent a full response. He instructed me to send the full response and a letter of explanation. He also instructed me to send proof of mailing because "they are not going take your word for it." I said well I have Certificate of Mailing and I can make a copy of that and send it. He said that would be what I needed to do and I said that I also had a postcard that the PTO had stamped and I could send a copy of that too. He said that would be good to add. I sent copies of a postcard that **did not** have a list of the contents. The Certificate of Mailing was the U.S. post office Certificate of Mailing not what you refer to as a patent office certificate of mailing. I did not send a copy of a copy of such patent office certificate of mailing and the original in that case had also been lost.

The evidence I provided was apparently sufficient because I never heard from Examiner Tran on this matter again or from Examiner Elisca when the two applications were moved to him. Examiner Elisca would eventually allow the claims and the patent has been granted. Application 09/629,749 was applied for as divisional application of the application 09/071,878. The standard of evidence required by Examiner Tran is different than what you are requiring of me now. A copy of the so-called patent office certificate of mailing was not sent nor was it asked for. No Applicant could ever have possession of the original in these cases.

I am requesting that this additional material be added to my petition to withhold abandonment. I thank you, Kimberly Terrell, for your time in reviewing my petition.

Very Respectfully,

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Application Number: 09/071,878

Appn Filed: 05/04/98

Applicant(s): Durham Russell Maples, Camden, SC,
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Appn. Title Method and Apparatus for administering a Share Bond

Examiner/GAU: Tongoc Tran

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Mr. Tongoc Tran:

In response to your telephone call on July 11, 2001, I have enclosed my response to the Office Letter mailed November 29, 2000. You stated that you did not receive the response but that you did receive the IDS. This response was mailed with the IDS and I have provided the documentation to support this as you recommended. Note the copies of the postcard (Front and Back) and the Certificate of Mailing dated February 13, 2001.

The response is 10 pages and the proper signatures are in place. The last page is dated with the date of February 13, 2001, the date I mailed the first copy to the PTO. I believe this to be proper since this is what you should have received.

I would like to thank the Examiner Mr. Tongoc Tran for taking the time to call and inform me of the problem.

Very Respectfully,

Durham R. Maples

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Amendment Drawing

Request For Constructive Assistance

The undersigned has made a diligent effort to amend the drawing of this application so that it will comply structurally. If, for any reason, the drawing of this application is not believed to be in full condition of allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner or Draftperson in drafting an acceptable drawing in order that this drawing can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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Very Respectfully,

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Date: 9/23/03

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